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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: June 4, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(i): Consideration of resolution authorizing a contract with Melendrez for master planning of the Marsh Street Project, Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing a contract with Melendrez for master planning of the Marsh Street Project, Los Angeles.

Background: In January of 2008 staff prepared and sent a request for proposals for the master planning of Marsh Street Project. Seven proposals were received from a wide variety of planning consultant teams. A three-person panel composed of representatives from the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, and State of California was asked to review the proposals and make a recommendation of the most qualified team to hire for the project. The panel recommended the Melendrez team. This team includes subconsultants from Tracy A. Stone Architect and KPFF Consulting Engineers. MRCA accepted the panel's recommendation and met with Melendrez to negotiate the final project proposal. The work will produce a conceptual design of all future phases of the park and will include phasing, circulation, and stormwater management plans. The total cost of the contract is \$120,496.22. This contract will be paid for from an existing Proposition A grant.